

REMARKS


Claims 2, 6-8, 13-25, 31 and 37 are in the application, with Claims 2, 6, 13, 17, 20, 23, 31 and 37 having been amended, and with Claims 1, 3-5, 9-12, 26-30 and 32-36 having been cancelled. Claims 6, 13, 31 and 37 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 6, 13, 31 and 37 were found by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter, although objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. Each of claims 6, 13, 31 and 37 has been rewritten in independent form, without changing the scope thereof, and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Each of the other claims now pending is dependent, directly or indirectly, on either claim 6 or claim 13. Thus, all of the pending claims recite subject matter that the Examiner has found to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

Respectfully submitted,



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